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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT: SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION IN SYMPOSIUM AT

MACUTO SHERATON HOTEL

1. NOTE. THE II US-VENEZUELAN SYMPOSIUM IS A REPRISE OF THE SUCCESSFUL I SYMPOSIUM HELD IN BOSTON IN JANUARY 1975. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE (PRIVATE) SIMON BOLIVAR UNIVERSITY IN CARACAS AND THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY. THE SYMPOSIUM WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT 100 PERSONS, INCLUDING FROM THE US SIDE SENATOR GARY HART OF COLORADO, GOVERNOR MICHAEL DUKAKIS OF MASSACHUSETTS, AND SEVERAL US CONGRESSMEN, PLUS A NUMBER OF PROMINENT US ACADEMICS, ECONOMISTS AND BUSINESSMEN. ON THE VENEZUELAN SIDE, MANY OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP EXECUTIVES FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS WILL PARTICIPATE, INCLUDING CABINET MINISTERS, HIGH-RANKING GOV OFFICIALS AND LEADING POLITICIANS. AN EXCELLENT CROSS-SECTION OF VENEZUELAN INTELLECTUALS IN ALL FIELDS WILL BE REPRESENTED.

2. FEBRUARY 17, 1976

1515 - SECRETARY ARRIVES AT MACUTO SHERATON HOTEL FROM PRESIDENT PEREZ'S LUNCH AT HIS OFFICIAL SEASIDE RESIDENCE. MET BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SYMPOSIUM. ESCORTED TO PRESIDENTIAL SUITE ON 7TH FLOOR.

1520 - 1720 - PERSONAL TIME.

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NOTE. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SECRETARY MEET THE PRESS

BEFORE HIS SPEECH. PRESS CONFERENCE SCENARIO SUBMITTED BY SEPTEL SUGGESTS TIME FROM 1645 TO 1715 FOR PRESS CONFERENCE.

1723 - SECRETARY LEAVES THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE FOR THE SYMPSIUM, HELD IN THE HOTEL BALLROOM ON THE MESSANINE FLOOR.

1725 - SECRETARY ARRIVES BALLROOM IN ORDER TO POSE FOR TV CAMERAS AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS. SECRETARY IS INTRODUCED TO THE SYMPOSIUM BY SENATOR ENRIQUE TEJERA PARIS, A FORMER VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO THE US.

1730 - SECRETARY COMMENCES SPEECH. NOTE. THE SPEECH SHOULD BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 1730 SO THAT IT CAN BE EDITED AND TRANSMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED TV SCHEDULE.

1830 - SECRETARY CONCLUDES SPEECH AND MAY, IF HE DESIRES, STAY ON FOR A BRIEF INTERCHANGE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SYMPOSIUM.

1830-1930 - PERSONAL TIME.

1930 - SECRETARY ARRIVES AT THE SALON DE FIESTAS TO HOST A RECEPTION FOR THE SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS, THE VENEZUELAN CABINET, THE SECRETARY'S PARTY AND LEADING VENEZUELAN POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND MEDIA PERSONALITIES. THE SECRETARY WILL NOT BE EXPECTED TO STAND IN A RECEIVING LINE TO GREET THE GUESTS BUT RATHER, IF HE WISHES, CAN CIRCULATE AMONG THEM. POL COUNSELOR RANDOLPH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ENSURE GUESTS ARE IDENTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY.

2015 - SECRETARY LEAVES RECEPTION. RETIRES TO THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE. SHLAUDEMAN

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